

THE WELLFORD SUIT.

IT WAS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFF.

Handsome Church Improvements in Petersburg—Wants \$10,000 Damages from Electric Railway—At His Old Tricks—Personal and General.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 22.—(Special)—In the Hustings Court to-day Judge Mullien rendered his decision in the suit of Major P. A. Wellford vs. the city of Petersburg, which was argued yesterday by Hon. W. R. Kenney for the plaintiff and City-Attorney George Mason for the city. The Court sustained the contention of Major Wellford that the property in question belonged to him personally, and that the Virginia and Carolina Railroad Company had no right to transfer it to the city. He decreed that if the city should fail to pay Major Wellford \$1,000 in thirty days, then Mr. Kenney, as commissioner, should proceed to sell the property for the benefit of the plaintiff. The property consists of a house and lot on Market street, which was transferred with other real estate by the Virginia and Carolina Railroad Company to the city some years ago. The city will allow the property to be sold.

SUIT FOR \$10,000.

Mr. W. R. Kenney, counsel for the plaintiff, to-day instituted suit for \$10,000 damages against the Petersburg Street Electric Railway Company for injuries to Mr. E. H. Chambers, of Dinwiddie county. As was stated in this correspondence, Mr. Chambers was knocked from his wagon by an electric car on Halifax street on Tuesday, and quite severely injured.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENT.

The interior of Grace Episcopal church is to receive some very handsome improvements, work upon which has been begun. The choir gallery in the wing to the right of the pulpit is to be removed, and the organ is to be built up from the floor of the church. The drapery is to be enlarged by the addition of some fifteen or twenty pipes and is to be artistically improved. The arrangements for the choir are to be such that the whole appearance will be strikingly handsome. The church is fortunate in having a working choir, a young vestry, who are backed by a willing and sympathetic congregation in their efforts to adorn and beautify their beloved church.

A very handsome improvement is also to be made to the chancel, of which, mention may be hereafter made.

MEMORIAL TABLET.

A beautiful memorial tablet in honor of the late Rev. Churchill J. Gibson, for over fifty years the rector of Grace church, was placed in that church to-day. The tablet is of white marble and was the gift of Mrs. Marie Dunlop.

In the near future a memorial pulpit, in remembrance of Mrs. Gibson, will be placed in the chancel.

AN INVETERATE THIEF.

Wavyt Manson, a negro, was released from jail to-day, after serving a sentence for larceny. He had not been out long before he entered the store of Mr. W. G. Andrews, on Old street, and grabbing a pair of shoes, took to flight. He was pursued over to Ettrick, where, thanks to a telephone message which preceded him, he was arrested. A question as to jurisdiction, arose in the case, which being referred to Major Caffer, it was decided that the prisoner should be tried in Ettrick.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Samuel W. Blazer, of Richmond, is visiting friends in this city.

It is probable that Mr. Thomas G. Heath, the well-known theatrical manager, while attending the Academy of Music, a short time ago, the people of Petersburg will be glad to hear.

Some time during yesterday a thief entered the store of Mr. J. R. Quarles, corner of Brown and Perry streets, and robbed the money drawer of \$5.

Mrs. Willis, wife of Mr. C. T. Willis, died this morning at her residence, on Market street, after a protracted illness. She leaves a husband and several children. Deceased was a most lovable woman in all respects.

There were some twenty-eight or thirty couples at the Assembly's gorman last night. The occasion was a brilliant and enjoyable one.

Reports from the adjacent counties represent that the frost of yesterday morning did no serious damage.

THE VALLEY CITY.

A Marriage—The Post-Office Problem Solved.

STAUNTON, VA., April 22.—(Special)—Miss Con. Thiley was married to-day to Mr. Daniel Karr at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Tinsley, the Rev. Mr. Wells, of the Second Presbyterian church, being the officiating minister. The wedding was in the nature of a pleasing surprise to the friends of the parties here, as the marriage was to have been performed in the future.

The bride is an accomplished young girl, pretty and prominent in music circles. The groom is a Philadelphia business-man.

It is said that the vexed problem of the Staunton post-office has been virtually settled, and that John A. Noe has withdrawn, leaving ex-Postmaster S. M. Yost, father of Congressman Yost, without party opposition. Mr. Noe's friends believe he will be well cared for by some other appointment.

EX-GOVERNOR MCKINNEY.

Very Much Improved—The Frost Damage Around Farmville.

FARMVILLE, VA., April 22.—(Special)—Though not a well man, ex-Governor McKinney is very much better, and is steadily improving. He has been out on several drives in the past few days, and his physician is very hopeful now that he will ultimately recover entirely. Indeed, he now looks almost as natural as of old.

Reports from this and surrounding counties are that the frost of yesterday morning was very destructive to fruit and young vegetables. Many gardens were totally ruined, and will have to be replanted throughout.

It is feared that the wheat crop was damaged, but no report has yet been made to this effect. It is generally conceded, though, that the frost crop was almost, if not entirely, ruined.

A QUIET MARRIAGE.

At high noon to-day, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elihu H. Barclay, Mr. Carl Scholz of West Virginia, and Miss Eleanor Hayes of West Virginia, were quietly married. The Rev. Thornton Whaling officiated. The parlor in which the ceremony took place was prettily decorated with flowers, and the bridegroom entered to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Miss Janet Allen. The bride was attired in a dark-blue travelling suit and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Mrs. Mollie Barclay, of Radford, Va., was maid of honor, and Mr. J. R. Thomas, of Mammoth, W. Va., was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Scholz left via the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for Charleston, W. Va., where they will make their future home.

Worth on Effort.

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A Vaudville Concert.

A grand vaudville concert will be given at Cathedral Hall on Monday evening, April 29th, for the benefit of Anthony Wayne able at the approaching Martha Washington bazaar. Misses E. J. Lyneham and Minnie Dippner are in charge of the entertainment. The following is a list of the talents: Mrs. Walter C. Mercer, soprano; Mrs. William B. Pizzini, alto; Mr. Moses Stein, tenor; Mr. Charles Eubank, basso; the Old Dominion sextette; Freeman & Wilson, comedians; Mr. Eugene Davis, banjoist; Miss Kate Chernaut, pianist. Misses Grace Jeffrys Wood and Winn Newman will appear in songs and skirt dances. Mr. Herbert Rees and Miss M. E. Kerse will accompany the singers. The programme will be under the personal direction of Mr. Louis Sullivan.

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ONANCOCK.

Second Day of Norfolk Presbytery—A Marriage.

ONANCOCK, VA., April 22.—(Special)—The second day's session of the Norfolk Presbytery was well-attended. The Rev. Dr. W. S. Lucy, moderator, appointed the following committees:

Church Narratives—Rev. A. S. Venable, Rev. R. A. Robinson, and Ruling Elder S. F. Foster.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. R. A. Robinson and E. T. Wellford.

Vacancies and Review of Recorders—Rev. P. B. Moore and W. A. Shymaker and Ruling Elder Joseph Nurney and R. W. Hardin.

Minutes of Presbytery—Rev. E. B. McLean and Ruling Elder E. T. Powell.

The report of Dr. W. A. Plecker, commissioner to the last General Assembly, was read and accepted, and his diligence approved.

Certificate dismissing J. H. Henderlite from Abingdon Presbytery, who signed the same.

The call of the First Presbyterian church of Norfolk to the Rev. Edward Atchison, of St. Louis, was read and ordered placed in the hands of that gentleman. Later in the day a dispatch was received from the Rev. Mr. Mack, signifying his acceptance of the call. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant young ministers in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Thomas Russell, brother of the Rev. H. Henderlite, is the new Warden of the vestry, and W. H. Moore is Deputy-Treasurer. In recognition that they were not elected by the board, but were appointed by Superintendent Smith, and confirmed by the board.

Secretary-of-State Thompson is elected superintendent of the Sunday school of Central Methodist Episcopal church here.

An act of the Legislature gave the Marion and Asheville turnpike the use of fifty convicts, but the penitentiary authorities are trying to avoid furnishing them.

BRIEFS.

Goldsboro' subscribers \$15,000 to secure the extension of the railway from Snow Hill to that point.

John B. Kenney is appointed a delegate to the Southern Insurance Convention at Southern Pines. Some of the Baltimore papers are scoring this convention saying it is sectional, and that two kinds of letters are written by those who are promoting it.

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He first married Miss Harriet N. White, a daughter of the Rev. William S. White, D. D., of Lexington. She died in 1874. In 1882 he married Miss Lizzie Gilmore, daughter of Mr. Joseph Gilmore, of James river. Mrs. McCrum and five children survive him. His daughter, Mrs. James S. Sturgis, who lives in Waco, Tex., was at his bedside, and Mr. Hugh McCrum, his son, who has been in Mexico for some time, arrived to-day. The funeral services and interment will take place here to-morrow.

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